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1. SUMMARY. ONE WESTERN NEWSMAN HAS POINTED OUT TO US THAT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE CP CENTRAL COMMITTEES IN THE UKRAINE, KAZAKHSTAN, AND GEORGIA. OUR CHECK OF THE SITUATION INTHE UKRAINE CORROBORATES THIS RUMOR. THE LARGE TURNOVER THERE APPARENTLY REFLECTS UKRAINIAN PARTY BAOSS SHCHERBITSKY'S EFFORTS TO REPLACE FORMER FIRST SECRETARY SHELEST'S SUPPORTERS WITH HIS OWN FOLLOWERS. END SUMMARY.

2. THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL TURNOVER IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. ALMOST 41PC OF THE COMMITTEE'S 142 MEMBERS WERE NOT REELECTED. MOREOVER, HE COMMITTEE INSTALLED AT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED UKRAINIAN CONGRESS IS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN ITS PREDECESSOR, HAVING 183 MEMBERS WHILE THE PREVIOUS CNETRAL COMMITTEE HAD ONLY 142. THE EFFECT OF NOT REELECTING 58 MEMBERS OF THE PREVIOUS UKRAINIAN CNETRAL COMMITTEE AND ENLARGING THE NEW COMMITTEE BY 41 MEMBERS HAS BEEN TO ADD 99 NEW MEMBERS TO THE UKRAINIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE; 54PC OF THE NEW UKRAINIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARE NEW MEMBERS. IT IS STRIKING THAT ONLY 19 OF 99 NEW MEMBERS HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS CANDIDATE MEMBERS OF THE
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3. COMMENT: WHILE WE LACK THE RESOURCES TO CHECK THE RATE OF TURNOVER IN PREVIOUS UKRAINIAN CC CELECTIONS, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE CURRENT RATE IS MUCH HIGHER. IT APPERS THAT THESE CHANGES REFLECT PRIMARILY LOCAL POLITICS IN THE UKRAINE, WITH THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONGRESS REPRESENTING SHCHERBITSKY'S FIRST REAL OPPORTUNITY TO CLEANSE THE UKRAINIAN PARTY OF SUPPORTERS IDENTIFIED WITH SHELEST. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON COMMENT ONTHIS PHENOMENON.
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